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President's Message April 2006:

I hope this note finds you all well and enjoying the hobby!!

My year started out with going to some Club Banquets, Shows and Meetings. Here are some of those events that I had the pleasure of attending:

Saturday, January 14th a group of us traveled together down to the San Jose Coin Club's 38th Coin Show at Parkside Hall, we got lost but we finally made it there. Good thing I wasn't driving or we would still be looking for the place. All six of us had a good time together.

Sunday, January 22nd at the Spin-A-Yarn Resturant for the Fremont Coin Club's Annual Banquet where I had the honor of swearing in our newly elected Officers. We had our dates mixed up and made the trip down twice. Once on Saturday which ended up being a trial run, so we didn't get lost on Sunday.

Saturday, January 28th at the Best Western Inn in Stockton celebrating the Delta Coin Club's Fiftieth Anniversay Banquet. Learning the history of the club from guest speaker, Dr. Walter Ostromecki and I had the honor of reading my letter of congratulations to the Club.

Sunday, February 19th found me enjoying the Cupertino Coin Show at Napredak Hall in San Jose. Adding a few more items to my collection and the opportunity to visit with others

Wednesday, March 8th I had the pleasure to award the first 2006 President's Medal to Charlie Catlett, Secretary of the Redwood Empire Coin Club of Santa Rosa at their monthly meeting which happened to be Corned Beef & Cabbage and Favorite Coin Night. What a night! Good food and coin talk too!

Friday, March 10th was the Delta Coin Club of Stockton's Membership Appreciation Night where I was delighted to award two 2006 President's Medal. With ladies first, I presented to Loris Ensminger, Tresurer and then Tony Rantz, President. And there were many more presentations to club members with cake, coffee and soft drinks for all us to enjoy at the break.

Sunday, March 12th attended the Livermore Valley Coin Club's 43rd Coin Show at the Elks Lodge in Livermore, yes I picked up a few more items to put into my collection.

Wednesday, March 15th was Diablo Numismatic Society's Annual Awards Banquet at Marie Calendar's in Concord where I had the pleasure to award the fourth 2006 President's Medal to John Russell, Vice President of Diablo. There were many other awards the club bestowed on their membership.

Sunday, March 19th found me at the 2006 Wests Token Jamboree put on by the Western Token Society at the Red Lion Inn in Sacramento. Yes collecting coins leads to collecting other items!

Wednesday, March 22nd at the Fairfield Coin Club's monthly meeting we had a lesson on grading put on by John Russell. What fun to see if we could grade some quarters John brought for us to pass round.

Saturday, March 25th attended the Redwood Empire Coin Club's 38th Annual Show at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds of Santa Rosa with a dinner held that evening at Hungry Hunter Restaurant where we enjoyed the company of other collectors and dealers, no presentation, just fun for all. Then I just had to go back to the show on Sunday to see what I missed and to offered to help out at the show if they needed more hands to clean up after closing, they had it covered!!

Wednesday, April 5th was Other Hobbies Night at Vallejo Numismatic Society's monthly meeting, it is unbelievable what things people will collect and it can be very educationals - from BUGS to PINS to WEAPONS - what a great time.

So see what you miss if you don't get involved with the hobby! You too can get out there and have a great time, eat some great food and meet all those GREAT PEOPLE! There are still a lot of meetings, dinners and shows to come, hope to see you and get acquainted.

We are still trying to get a date for the 2006 NOR-CAL Show, sorry but our December date was not available.

Remember to support your local clubs, don't just let the other guy do it all. You too can enjoy the fruits of your labors! Until we meet again, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Harry W. Davis

Harry W. Davis, President

MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

Well, Here Am I! Has It Been A Quarter Century? Wow!

When NCNA HEADS AND TALES began, it was hand-drafted and then typed on my upright manual Underwood Golden Touch Typewriter, with generous usage of White-Out, and the postage was Fifteen (15) Cents to mail! That was twenty-five years ago, and I still have that typewriter!

Both numismatics----*organized numismatics and our coin hobby, 'the world of money'*----plus our World have spin and changed much over these past twenty-five years, and any of us here *now* and there *then* would comment and confirm the like observation.

When I began NCNA HEADS AND TALES, with nothing more than a willingness and gamble to do something, with no idea or concept of how or what to do, nothing, absolutely nothing, would have predicted nor convinced me that a quarter century later, I continue. All that was advanced to me was \$300.00 and the well-wishes of the Association's Board of Directors. That was it. Yet, I have continued to this very Issue.

There were lofty hopes and fond dreams that NCNA HEADS AND TALES might become something much more than it has been these past twenty-five years, and like the movie line, "I could have been a contender", my youthful enthusiasm held those hopes and dreams. Maybe the real hope and dream is that NCNA HEADS AND TALES survived these twenty-five years.

Yet, survival is not only cause for reflection at this milestone anniversary. Nor, the countless hours, trips to the printers, word-processing on Holidays into the late hours, retrieving mail twice weekly, licking stamps, and answering letters and concerns should be the factor for reflection at this jubilee date.

Rather, its success----*and that judgment rests with the readers and others*----might be found in my first Mintmaster's Quill written so long ago, when I wrote "*yet, this is just a beginning: the start of an endeavor that with time and hard work shall bring forth benefits, and hopefully, the most important benefit being a small contribution to make our world and lifes [sic] a little better.*"

Even if a few might respond that maybe, just maybe, NCNA HEADS AND TALES did do its job adhered to its Mission Statement '*To Promote and To Serve Northern California Numismatics*' than the toil, turmoil, and tribulation of a quarter century were worth it and should launch another quarter century.

I have tried to remain true to those two aforementioned pronouncements, written back in the halcyon days of my youth, and I have tried to remain true to our coin hobby all the years since. It is all that I promised twenty-five years ago, and it is all that I again pledge today, twenty-five years later.

Where NCNA HEADS AND TALES might progress or succeed is unknown, as it was unknown twenty-five years ago. But, 'Where' is not the matter at this jubilee, nor survival or the hard work devoted.

Rather, looking dimly into the next quarter century, it is that our hobby still needs to be 'promoted and served' and is that our 'world and lives still need to be made a little better'. It was true in 1981, and it remains true in 2006. **Remember, Have Fun With Your Hobby! Always Serve Others!**

Numismatically Yours,

Michael S. Turrini
Editor

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GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

2006 Nor-Cal VII Coin Show

As this commemorative issue is being prepared and printed, nothing has been confirmed about this year's hoped-for Nor-Cal Coin Show. Returning to Fremont, California and the Fremont Elks Lodge #2121, with the kind and courtesy hosting by and from the Fremont (California) Coin Club, due to restrictions and available open dates with and at the Elks Lodge #2121, is **not** a possibility this December 2006. Several Executive Officers are investigating alternatives; however, at this point in time, the odds would ordain **no** Nor-Cal Coin Show this year, with plans and preparations for 2007.

2006 Election Year

Reminder: With our biannual election cycle, this year is our 'Election Year'. Those interested in seeking and serving our Association, as the *President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer*, should express his or her willingness, and readiness to hold the office, to President Harry W. Davis. Write To: 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'. Several of the current Executive Officers have expressed their wish and want to continue in their respective position.

2006 Club Medal

As this commemorative issue is being prepared and printed, nothing as to possible designs or even interest in submitting a design or concept has been received. So, unless something 'shakes', like the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and Fire, our Association may not have a medal this year.

This May 2006 NCNA HEADS AND TALES Issue

Well, this is the *Silver Jubilee, Twenty-Fifth (25th) Anniversary, Issue*. For this commemorative issue, representing twenty-five years of service by Your Editor, the issue included a special wooden dollar, the reproduction in full of the 'First Edition', April 1981, and commentary by and from Edward Sins, of San Jose, California, being the Association's Treasurer back in 1981. His reflections are reproduced on pages 11 and 12. Mr. Sins' thoughts and compliments are appreciated, and his thoughts speak from the perspective of a quarter century. *Thanks, Mr. Sins.*

Just To Note: NCNA HEADS AND TALES began as a quarterly and then changed, for costs reasons, to its current three-times-a-year sequence. The **only** Editor has been the current one, Michael S. Turrini.

Since so much of the history of organized numismatics here in northern California has been captured and colored on the goldenrod pages of NCNA HEADS AND TALES, for the September 2006, Your Editor hopes to write a history and chronological record of NCNA HEADS AND TALES, *itself*.

Personal Note

Although my Mother's health has somewhat improved, the reality is, at 93, that my time must be committed to being a caregiver. Regretfully, much of my numismatic and hobby enjoyments have been curtailed and ceased. *That Is Life.*

BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club News and Happenings

Hello! With the 'First Edition' [Issue] of NCNA HEADS AND TALES, back in April 1981, the 'Branch Mint Reports', all typed manually, covered less than two full pages, reporting on these eleven (11) northern California local coin clubs: **Cupertino Coin Club, Diablo Numismatic Society, Delta Coin Club, Eureka Coin Club, Fairfield Coin Club, Fremont Coin Club, Gateway Coin Club, Liberty Numismatic Society, Redwood Empire Coin Club, San Francisco Coin Club, San Jose Coin Club, and Vallejo Numismatic Society.** Someone might identify these initial eleven local coin clubs as the 'Pioneers'. Needless to say, for over a quarter century, these 'Branch Mint Reports' have evolved into the major coverage of and purpose for NCNA HEADS AND TALES. These 'Reports' have documented the times, lives, events, and names of northern California organized numismatics. *So To Begin The Next Quarter Century, Read On.*

ALAMEDA COIN CLUB Expressed its recent sorrow and sympathy with the passing of **KAREN GOMES**, who was "a longtime support of the Club" and passed away this past March. The March 2006 THICK AND THIN TIMES, the monthly newsletter of the ACC, republished Your Editor's 'Helpful Hints For Local Coin Clubs' as was issued in his December 2005 STAN-O-GRAM. *Thanks For The Gesture!* At the February 7, 2006 ACC meeting, **GORDON R. DONNELL** displayed over five (5) items as his 'Show 'n Tell' "from the FUN Show", meaning the gigantic Florida United Numismatist January 2006 Show, which is strange since he did not attend it!

CALIFORNIA EXONUMIST SOCIETY Continues With The Same Editor: *Your Editor!* **MICHAEL S. TURRINI** remains the quarterly CES' MEDALLION Acting Editor. At the CES gathering last January 14, 2006 in San Jose, California during the California State Numismatic Association's (CSNA) Semiannual Convention coupled to the San Jose (California) Coin Club's annual January Show, CESers heard **DR. MICHAEL F. WEHNER** speak and present a PowerPoint presentation on 'Halfway To The Stars: San Francisco Cable Car Exonumia'. His presentation was assisted by his teenage and equally well-known numismatist, 17 year old Elliot. Information about CES may be contacted via 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'.

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB Heard a longtime figure in northern California numismatics, **DANIEL SHATTUC**, at its February 10, 2006 meeting with 'Lewis and Clark': "**DAN** gave us the history of the Expedition, took us on a tour of the States that they traveled, and told us about the trails and tribulations that this brave party encountered and endured. He also showed us many of the medals, some current and some reproductions of Indian Peace Medals, and souvenirs, CDs, books, and maps, that are available for collectors." Later, on February 19, 2006, **MICHAEL S. TURRINI** and **GORDON R. DONNELL** staffed and supported a combination 'youth and information table' during the CCC's Coin Show: "Our special Youth Table, manned by American Numismatic Association (ANA) and California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) representatives, **MICHAEL S. TURRINI** and **GORDON R. DONNELL**, were enjoyed by many youths. They were thrilled to receive their special Three Dollar Coupon, good at any dealer, and their eight (8) free State Quarters to fill their Quarter Boards, which were also free. The Yap Stone Money and other numismatic displays also kept their interests." The CCC has a new name or subtitle, 'Cupertino Culinary Club'; at its January 13, 2006 meeting: the "Cupertino Coin Club, aka Cupertino Culinary Club, celebrated its 430th meeting by enjoying another great gastronomical feast: this time examining the merits of some world famous tube steaks! All members agreed the tube steak samples and other accomplishments that **MARY** and **REUBEN GALLEGOS** with **KATHERINE RAY** provided were excellent. As usual, the tables were attractively decorated, and there was an abundance of salads and deserts, especially **RON ISHIZAKI**'s 'killer chicken salad'! Another event, like this, is now scheduled for 2041!"

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DELTA COIN CLUB

Launched, possibly a new annual tradition, to be emulated by other local coin clubs here in northern California, at its March 10, 2006 meeting: *'Members Appreciation Night'*. **MICHAEL S. TURRINI** doubled as the meeting's presider and principal presenter, and nicely prepared and mounted *'Certificates of Commendation'* were bestowed onto **TONY RANTZ**, **LORIS ENZMINGER**, **TED GARBER**, **DEBBIE ENZMINGER**, **ALAN GILBEAU**, **JOE GRIEP**, **LUELLA GRIEP**, **BEE GRIMM**, **TOM JACKSON**, **SYD KASS**, **DON KENDRICK**, **DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, JR.**, **RUBEN SMITH, III**, **MICHAEL S. TURRINI**, **WILLIAM A. BRIGHT**, **HARRY W. DAVIS**, and **IRENE CARRILLO**. Adding to these *'Certificates'* were *'Honorary Life Membership'* onto **BEE GRIMM**, who retired as the Club's Sunshine Person, after decades, and **TED GARBER** with the *'Annual Good-Guy Award'*. Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) President **HARRY W. DAVIS** bestowed two *'President's Medals'* onto **LORIS ENZMINGER** and **TONY RANTZ**. As reported, "All this was topped-off with cake and coffee during the 'break', and yes, it was a long evening with lots of picture-taking by **MICHAEL S. TURRINI**". *Sidebar:* Along with this NCNA HEADS AND TALES, much of northern California organized numismatics has been 'captured on film' thanks to Your Editor and his famous cameras!

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The same month, March 2006, also did a special gathering for its members, held at the Society's March 16, 2006 Annual Dinner. Under the esteemed leadership and effort of its President **JAMES H. LAIRD**, with the assistance of **MICHAEL S. TURRINI**, American Numismatic Association (ANA) Regional Coordinator, much of the Dinner was dedicated to honor members, and others. *'President's Citation For Excellence'* were bestowed by President **LAIRD** onto **MARK CLARKSON**, **GORDON R. DONNELL**, **WILLIAM J. GREEN**, **BRADFORD LEE**, **STEVE MCCLURE**, **ELIZABETH STOCKHOLM**, with **MICHAEL M. STANLEY** and **NANCY-JO STANLEY**. A separate and special *'President's Commendation For Excellence'* was presented to **MICHAEL S. TURRINI**. The Society's newest inductee as a *'Fellow of the Society'* was also done onto **JOHN RUSSELL** in a quite emotional uplifting ceremony. Adding to the Dinner and its festivity, **MICHAEL S. TURRINI**, as the ANA Regional Coordinator, honored **JAMES H. LAIRD**, with an ANA *'Regional Coordinator's Citation'*. *Congratulations To All!*

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB

Reports that its Seventeenth (17th) Annual Fairfield Coin and Collectibles Show has been rescheduled to Sunday, September 24, 2006, but at the same site, the Fairfield Community Center, in downtown Fairfield, California. Initial assignments for this year's Coin Show have **DR. RODNEY W. BAKER**, the Club's Vice-President, with the Show Drawing, **ROBERT F. TEDDER**, the Club's Secretary, with the Show's Bourse, and **RUSSELL LEACH**, with the Show medal. The March 22, 2006 FCC meeting heard and had **JOHN RUSSELL** bring and share his *'Coin Grading Clinic'*, with his *'Fine Points of Grading United States Quarters'*. This was an audience 'hands-on' participation program. The FCC can be contacted via FCC-info@directway.com.

FREMONT COIN CLUB

The most recently received FCC monthly DOUBLE EAGLE was February 2006, and reported that the Club's new Recording Secretary is **DOROTHY GALOVICH-CALL**. The Club conducted an informal poll, via a questionnaire, about the Club and its meetings. The results confirmed that the members wanted "more social time, programs, and events", including field trips. The results stated the members enjoyed the meetings for social, auction, drawing, and Show 'n Tells, and this observation is obvious with many local coin clubs.

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

"Yes, my numismatic archers of Cupid, it is time for a monthly meeting of the Fresno Numismatic Society", and so began the February 2006 FRESNO NUMISMATIST by its Editor **RANDY CLIFTON**, who noted something 'Valentine' in that issue: "One

year during one of our Shows, my wife found a Love Token with her initials on it, engraved on a Quarter Eagle gold piece. It could not have been on a silver coin, like nine out of ten Love Tokens are; no, her initials had to be on a gold coin! Her birthday was a few weeks away; so, yes, I bought it. Call It: Valentines and Numismatics." The February 14, 2006 FNS meeting held a special 'Coin Grading Workshop' coordinated by FNS' President **JIM OBLER**, who commented that "overall the FNS graders did pretty well" compared to the professional grading services. Morgan Dollars, all certified by one of the nationally recognized services, were the coins FNS members 'graded', with their respective results in-line with the grading services. Closing, "Anyway, thanks again everyone. It was lots of fun." The April 11, 2006 FNS meeting heard United States Secret Service Agent **KRISTIN STAHOWSKI** speak on 'Counterfeit Currency': "it was a very unique presentation", with actual samples of counterfeit notes.

GATEWAY COIN CLUB

Well, NCNA Readers: My last received Gateway Coin Club monthly COINNECTIONS was dated November 2005. *Yeah, What's Happening Gateway?*

LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Reported its 2006 Officers: **MARK Wm. CLARK**, President, **GORDON R. DONNELL**, Vice-President, **BOB PIPER**, Treasurer, and **GENE HOY**, Secretary. Speaking of **GENE HOY**, his design of Fort Clatsop, the Winter Quarter in 1805—1806 for Lewis and Clark, was chosen as the Society's 2006 Club Medal. The March 15, 2006 meeting heard **JOE WARGO** displayed and discussed the Society's Club Medals, which began in 1987. Later on March 30, 2006, the LNS did its annual trek and visit to the Heller Museum, coordinated by Museum docent, and longtime LNS booster, **STU DENTON**. This annual event included both a pot-luck and Museum tour.

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB

Heard its President **CHUCK WHITE** at its January 17, 2006 meeting with his famous 'Eight Centuries In Eight Minutes': "last month, we had a talk by **CHUCK WHITE** on 'Ancient', nothing personal intended, **CHUCK**. It took longer than eight minutes due to the positive reception and questions." The Club's February 21, 2006 meeting heard coin dealer **JOHN SARTI** on 'Preserving Your Coins': "it was well-received." Your Editor, assisted with **GORDON R. DONNELL**, staffed a combination youth and information table at the LVCC's March 12, 2006 Coin Show, returning for a second year. This year's Show, reflective of the rising prices of gold and silver, was a 'hot-cake': all the free donated literature from the American Numismatic Association (ANA) and Krause Publications went within the first hours of the Show! In fact, well-known California-based coin dealer and booster, **KENNETH J. BARR**, cleaned-out his car's trunk, and all those went within a few hours! *So, Save Those Old NUMISMATIC NEWS! These Are Hot!*

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Heard **DAVID GOYA** at its February 22, 2006 meeting on 'Minerva's Owl: The Commemorative Coins of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition of 1915': "a wonderful PowerPoint presentation on the PPIE of 1915, showing many of the buildings, grounds, and gave us a historical perspective of San Francisco in 1915. His presentation included a short silent era film of the Exposition complete with Ragtime Music!" At this same meeting, **DR. DONALD H. KAGIN** displayed "some magnificent PPIE items: an Admission Badge, a Closing Day Badge, a pan or skillet of which there are seven or eight varieties, a watch fob featuring Eureka, a medal from the Board of Education, an octagonal medal, a letter announcing the commemorative coins to be minted, two copper frames for the entire commemorative set, and a wonderful copper frame housing the rare State gold tokens of M.E. Hart!". Adding to the PPIE theme were Show 'n Tells also by **DR. MICHAEL F. WEHNER**, who "brought a collection of PPIE award medals cast in lead and plated" and **HERBERT MILES** who showed "his Big Souvenir PPIE Penny". *It Was Truly A PPIE Night At PCNS!*

PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Regrets that PCC member **DENNIS SPILLANE** has relocated to Heathsville, Virginia: "we wish him well in Virginia and will miss his interesting large size United

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States banknote Show 'n Tells. **DENNIS** was a regular 'Show 'n Tell participant and we will miss his informative and interesting contributions to our monthly meetings." Kudos was reported for members "**RICK STETTA** and **BRUCE GREENBELT** for their generous donations to our monthly prizes! Additionally, **BRUCE** offered a free Three Cent Silver coin to all attendees" at the Club's February 13, 2006 meeting. *Wow!*

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB

NCNAers, Your Editor Reports The News, From The March RECC's monthly newsletter: "There was another shooting incident recently involving a Vice-President. Club Vice-President **LEE H. GONG** was in Mexico on his annual quail hut with the big-wigs that hangs around, and he accidentally shot former United States Vice-President Dan Quayle. When asked how such an experienced hunter as **LEE** could possibly shoot some by mistake, he admitted 'I always thought Quayle was a turkey.' No charges were filed." Continuing from the same newsletter issue, "The March [8, 2006] meeting set a record for duration, finally ending at 11:30 PM! Some of this was due to all the corned beef and cabbage we had to eat. Some of us could barely waddle around after eating. But, the main cause was the Auction. It featured one hundred nineteen (119) items, all Susan B. Anthony Dollars, graded XF—AU. A bidding war broke out between **GABE LOPEZ** and **GLENN COLEMAN** to see who could win the most auction lots, while bidding up in twenty-five cent increments. The highest bid was \$21.75 for a 1999P Dollar, generously graded AU-55. After the last lot and coin was sold, all Hell broke loose! They both realized that **MERLE AVILA** was the anonymous seller and had been surreptitiously boosting the bidding. It took six Santa Rosa, California police officers to break up the ruckus, while the rest of us waddled to our cars and drove home." On a serious note, at this same meeting, NCNA President **HARRY W. DAVIS** bestowed one of his 'President's Medals' onto longtime RECC Secretary and Editor **DR. CHARLES CATLETT**: "This went to yours truly, Club Secretary **CHARLIE CATLETT**. It was an honor to receive it and it is much appreciated." He joins fellow RECC **LEE H. GONG**, who was honored last December 2005 with like 'President's Medal'. *On A Personal Note:* It seems that Your Editor was 'the winner' at the RECC's March 25-26, 2006 Coin Show: claiming the top two prizes: First and Second Prizes: a Double Eagle and Eagle, \$20.00 and \$10.00 gold coins. *Never Have I Been So Lucky! Thank You, Mr. GONG!*

RENO COIN CLUB

Reported compliments for its newly elected Secretary, **BONNIE ELLIOTT**: "The Reno Coin Club has a great reason to beam with pride. **BONNIE ELLIOTT** has been selected KRN Channel 4 TB Class Act Award Winner for March 2006. **BONNIE** put together a coat drive for elementary school kids and is also planning a walk-a-thon sometime in May for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Congratulations, **BONNIE**. We are glad to have **BONNIE** as a member of our Club. As all of you know, **BONNIE** has been a Junior Member for our Club for the last seven years or so, and recently, she turned 18. Four years ago, **BONNIE** asked to be the Club's Secretary, but due to the Club's Bylaws, she only recently assumed this vital RCC position. A position was occupied for almost ten years by Life Member #8 **DAN WATERMAN**. The RCC's First Secretary was **JUNE BLACK**, who was honored by the Club as Life Member #1. So, **BONNIE** has some big shoes to fill. But those of us who have known **BONNIE**, and watched her grow-up, have faith in her. Thank You, **BONNIE!**"

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB

Has heard some good and quite interesting speakers this past March and April: March 22, 2006, **DAVID SHOWERS**, 'Ancient Coins of Rome', and April 26, 2006, **JERRY CARSMAN**, 'Buffalo Nickels', which is "his favorite coin." Earlier, at the February 22, 2006 meeting, **JEFF SHELVIN** spoke on 'Numismatic Exonumia': "he gave a great presentation on Numismatic Exonumia: tokens, medals, and altered coins. He talked about Civil War era tokens, silver rounds, paste-on-dollars, and other medal type coin oddities, that were altered like the Hobo Nickel, Love Tokens, and such, along with the reasons for all the odd tokens and medal-like coins that were minted. A very interesting subject and thank you for the great stuff."

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB

Had a doubleheader presentation at its March 22, 2006 meeting: **MICHAEL M. STANLEY** and **DAVID GARDNER** join to speak on *'Type Set Collecting'*, both relying on their respective experience in assembling a United States Type Set. The previous February 24, 2006 meeting had **MICHAEL S. TURRINI** coordinating a revised version of his *'Counting Us'*: "this version covered coin show experiences, especially the money flow and the collectors' ability to control that aspect. Some very interesting experiences came to light. There will be more programs like this, and these would be tabulated for future analysis." The SFCC did elect its 2006 Executive Officers, and they are: **DR. MICHAEL F. WEHNER**, President, **GORDON R. DONNELL**, Vice-President, **MARK WM. CLARK**, Secretary, and **MICHAEL S. TURRINI**, Treasurer. The SFCC, most appropriately, anticipates a Club Medal this year for the 1906 Earthquake and Fire Centennial.

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB

At the March 30 through April 2, 2006 Santa Clara Expo, these SJCC members exhibited: **BRIITA EHLERS**, 'Oregon and Washington State Depression Script', **CHUCK CALL**, 'District Set of Two Dollar 1987 Federal Reserve Notes', **DOROTHY GALOVICH-CALL**, '2003 Federal Reserve Star Notes', **RON ISHIZAKI**, 'San Francisco 1909: The Portola Festival', **AL LO**, 'What Is Your Zodiac Animal Sign?', **GORDON R. DONNELL**, 'Depression Era Wooden Money and Script', **SALLY JOHNSON**, 'Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone', **RYAN JOHNSON**, 'Operation Desert Storm', **GARY ACQUISTAPACE**, 'Casino De Madeira', and **KENNETH J. BARR**, 'New Jersey Depression Script'. At the SJCC's March 8, 2006 meeting, **WEI CHANG** discussed *'Coin Grading'*. One of his commentary was 'should we go to a one hundred (100) point grading system, instead of the current seventy (70) point system?': "the consensus was that we should stay with the seventy (70) point system. It looks like the professional graders, who are proposing the change, are just interested in generating more business by having to have all the graded coins re-graded." The earlier February 8, 2006 meeting was a *'Giant Show 'n Tell'* with a record twenty-one (21) participants out of an attendance of forty-one (41): "We had a huge variety of miscellaneous tokens; someone actually found a Web Note in their wallet. We had stories from Canada, Alaska, Russia, the British Virgin Islands, and even from London, England, and we also had a little are added as we saw how to make shirts and rings out of Dollars Notes using Origami Art plus also what colorized State Quarters look like." Participants were: **LYLE OKAMOTO**, **RON ISHIZAKI**, **NEIL LOCKLEY**, **GWEN STANFORD**, **KENNETH J. BARR**, **ROBERT THOMAS**, **MARTHA DAVIS**, **ALAN DOUGLASS**, **KEITH SCOTT**, **GARY ACQUISTAPACE**, **BRIITA EHLERS**, **SALLY JOHNSON**, **HOWARD WHEELER**, **EDWARD SINS**, **RAY JOHNSON**, **CHUCK WHITE**, **RON IKEBE**, **WILLIAM HURJA**, **FRED DAVIS**, **LARRY BENSON**, and **RYAN JOHNSON**.

SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB

Included with this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is the Order Form for the Club's 'End of World War II' silver round: "The original design work was salvaged from my [**ROBERT F. TEDDER'S**] computer, and it had been intended to be the Sixtieth (60th) Anniversary. Sorry For The Delay!" Information about the SSRC may contacted via SSRC-info#@direcway.com.

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB

Had SCCC Vice-President **MARK GARCIA** present "his trivia game, *'Win Mark Garcia's Coins'* ", based upon the popular RED BOOK and COIN WORLD. The SCCC reminds that 'Saturday and Sunday, July 8 and 9, 2006 are the weekend dates for its Modesto Coin, Stamp, and Collectibles Show, returning to the Modesto Centre Plaza, Tenth (10t) and K Streets, in downtown Modesto, California'. The SCCC has instituted a new 'Junior Program': "Junior Members will receive play money for attendance, Show 'n Tell participation, ticket sales participation, work at the Show, and recruiting a new Junior Member. Junior Members need to save their earned play

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money until November. In November, they would be allowed to use their earned play money to purchase items in the 'Junior-Only Auction'. The Club would donate those items for their Auction." *Nice Idea.*

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Announces that it is, again, in transition and relocation to an alternate meeting site. As this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is being prepared and printed, the VNS gathers, currently, at 'Momo's American Cuisine, 2621 Springs Road, off Rollingwood, in the Springhill Center, east Vallejo, California, with 5:00 PM no-host dinner and 6:30 PM meeting start'. Due to possible change or the selection of another site, visitors are advised to telephone in-advance to 707-246-6327 to ascertain the particular meeting site. The VNS has again joined its friends, in the Garden State, the Ocean County (New Jersey) Coin Club, with a bicoastal coin search. This year's is titled 'Exploring for Lewis and Clark', 'ELC', and involved a ten week search of Five Cent rolls tabulating the recent 2004 and 2005 Westward Journey Five Cent/Nickel designs: Peace, Keelboat, Buffalo, and Pacific View. VNS members participating are: **MICHAEL S. TURRINI**, who is the Coordinator and Publicist, **MICHAEL M. STANLEY**, **GORDON R. DONNELL**, **ROBERT W. BELLEAU, SR.**, **ROBERT F. TEDDER**, **JOHN RUSSELL**, **FRED G. van den HAAK**, **EDWIN HOFFMARK**, **SYD KASS**, **WILLIAM F. BARTZ**, and **DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, JR.** The VNS members have earned recently 'Kudos' and 'Congratulations': *One*, **KAREN MARSHALL** and **TOM SMITH** announced their 'Wedding Bells' for this June 2006. *Two*, **JOHN RUSSELL**, a new VNS member, was inducted as a neighboring Diablo (Concord, California) Numismatic Society's '*Fellow of the Society*', and he joins **MICHAEL S. TURRINI**, **MICHAEL M. STANLEY**, **MICHAEL J. FIORE**, and **MARK CLARKSON**, all of whom are VNS members too! *Wow!* The VNS February 1, 2006 meeting was truly a 'Barn-Burner': "Sure it was crowded but everyone had fun and a great time! There were the 'Early Birds', starting at 5:00 PM, and then there were the 'After Meeting Birds', two groups, one outside and one still inside! Conversations overheard included collecting and assembling a full set of Morgan Dollars, wooden nickels needed to complete a Sambo's set, an extensive exchange about the culture and politics of 19th Century Mexico under Porfirio Diaz, 'road kill finds', delivering newspapers in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in the 1950s, Norse-American collectibles and artifacts, and the San Francisco Bay Area traffic, all these and much more!"

VISALIA COIN CLUB Reported that Vice-President **BILL TERRY** has become the Club's President, with the departure of former President **DAVE SHANKEL**, who "will be moving to the Atwater/Turlock area where he has accepted a job at Dole as Director of Engineering. We all wish **DAVE** Good Luck at his new job." Your Editor chuckles reading the monthly VCC newsletter with its closing admonishment as to the next meetings: "We will have the usual format with snacks, drinks, and an auction." *Do Those Go In The Order Listed?*

WESTERN WOODEN MONEY CLUB Reminds that its dues remains but \$10.00 a year and that members receive its quarterly and folksy multi-page WEST WOOD, usually filled with free woods too! **JAN D. HENKE** continues as its Editor. The WWMC next assemblage is on 'Sunday, May 7, 2006 during the Vallejo (California) Numismatic Society's Thirty-Fourth (34th) Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show, at Vallejo Elks Lodge #559, 2850 Redwood Parkway, off Admiral Callaghan, on the east side of Redwood Street overpass at I-80, in east Vallejo, California'. The WWMC is scheduled for 12:30 PM, on the Stage of the Lodge's main Banquet Room. This assemblage would constitute the Club's Eleventh (11th) Anniversary, 1995-2006. Information about the WWMC may be contacted via '1806 San Jose Place, Fairfield, California, 94533-3929'.

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A RARE AND WORTHY EVENT
25 YEARS OF HARD WORK
by Edward Sins, Past-President

NCNA is privileged to celebrate two anniversaries this year, both involving the club bulletin. The first is a milestone of time; the bulletin celebrates its forty-fifth year. The second is an event that is rare in any organization, not to mention an expression of academic quality. It is the twenty-fifth year of *NCNA Heads and Tales*, (H/T) written and published all of that time by Michael S. (Stan) Turrini.

The level of this achievement is realized only when one considers all of the conditions that must be met in order for it to happen.

The editor must be able organize material and express it in writing. The ability and patience to write, month after month and year after year cuts out probably 90 percent of club members, members who, fortunately, are skilled in other tasks. The ability to organize is essential. This writer remembers one very devoted editor in one club, whose bulletins resembled letters to Aunt Jane. One had to read every word of the bulletin to find essential information. Michael, it is rumored, has a *magna cum laude* from San Francisco State. This writer did not achieve anything close to that.

The ability to type is critical. Remember, if you will, that H/T began year before the word processor became available to anyone but high level professional secretaries. It was the day of manual typewriters and snowpake or whiteout, where accuracy rather than speed was at a premium.

The editor has to remain close to the action. This means participating at a high level in the day-to-day activities of the organization and attendance at nearly all regular meetings and board meetings. Oh yes, it is nice if the editor also collects coins.

Life pattern changes play an enormous role in longevity of a bulletin editor. Re-location from one area to another will usually result in a change in club bulletin editors, if not initially, certainly with in relatively short time. Change in family responsibility create competition for anyone's time. Two different soccer (or baseball) leagues at the same time are activities that must be enjoyed while one can, lest they be forever lost. The difference is often taken from coin club activity.

The activity level of the organization must remain at a level, not merely to survive but to stimulate. Ask yourself, how many coin clubs in existence thirty years ago no longer exist today. This writer has prepared news letters for four clubs that eventually ceased to exist.

The mere test of time is a significant one. How many persons will actually prepare bulletins, meet deadlines, and print and mail them for twenty-five years. Not many!

Also, the club must be willing to keep the editor. This is rarely a problem, but when it is, the results are tragic.

HISTORICAL NOTE: The first NCNA editor was **Lillian Hooker**. She mailed to the club and the members the minutes of each meeting and details of the upcoming NCNA show when it was in its infancy. **Kathy Muller** produced the bulletins in a standard bulletin format in 1964. She continued in this post until mid-1966, when her husband went out of the coin business and coin clubs were replaced with other priorities. The writer was editor from 1966 through 1972, and has issued occasional material for the club's anniversary. Michael Turrini founded H/T in 1981.

The writer is the founding editor of the Peninsula Coin Club bulletin and the founder of the current San Jose Coin Club publication.

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These coin show listings are provided as a free service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a show listed, please send all pertinent show information early to: N.C.N.A., Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 49306-0484. You may also e mail the information to: fredvdh@gmail.com

- April 28-29, 2006 RENO. Reno Coin Club 19th Annual Coin Show, Reno Elk's Club, 597 Kumle Lane, Reno, Nevada. Bourse: Paul Williams, (775) 720-5395 or pkwilliams@hotmail.com Website: renocoinclub.org
- May. 5-6, 2006 SACRAMENTO. Sacramento Valley Coin Club 49th Annual Spring Coin Show, The Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento. Bourse: David Herr, P.O. Box 232, Auburn, Ca. 95603. Ph. 530-885-9050 or E Mail: gcce@jps.net Admission \$2, under 18 free
- May 7, 2006 VALLEJO. Vallejo Numismatic Society 34th Annual Show, Vallejo Elk's Lodge, 2850 Redwood Parkway, off Admiral Callaghan, Vallejo. Bourse: Harry W. Davis, 900 Georgia, Vallejo, Ca. 94591-6602. Information Phone numbers: (707) 642-0216, (707) 246-6327 or (510) 547-0518 or E Mail: EMPERORI@juno.com
- June 18, 2006 ALAMEDA. Alameda Coin Club Show, Alameda High School Gym, on Oak Street at Central, Alameda. Bourse and Info: Tom Gesner, P.O. Box 1230, El Cerrito, Ca. 94530. Phone: (510) 923-4216 (days).
- July 8-9, 2006 MODESTO. Stanislaus County Coin Club, Modesto Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Expo, Modesto Centre Plaza, 10th and K Streets, Modesto. Bourse: Sandy Woodward, P.O. Box 355, Turlock, Ca. 95381. Phone: (209) 668-3682
- July 29-30, 2006 FREMONT. Fremont Coin Club 34th Annual Show, Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Information: (510) 792-1511; Bourse: Vince LaCariere, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, Ca. 94538.
- Oct. 14-5, 2006 CONCORD. Diablo Numismatic Society 10th Annual Contra Costa Coin Show, Holiday Inn, 1050 Burnett Avenue at Diamond Boulevard, just off Freeway 680 in Concord. Bourse: Mike Stanley, 2107 Gill Drive, Concord, Ca. 94520-2232. e mail: xsteamers@aol.com or Information: Ph: (925) 825-0649
- Oct. 21-2, 2006 STOCKTON. Delta Coin Club 42nd Annual Coin Show, Eagle's Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton. Attendance: Free. Bourse: Ruben Smith III, P.O. Box 5787, Stockton, Ca. 95205. Ph: (209) 982-5961, e mail: rubensmith@hotmail.com

- Oct. 28, 2006 VALLEJO. CSNA Northern California 7th Annual Educational Symposium, Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin at Capital, in downtown Vallejo. Registration begins at 9AM with the programs starting at 10AM. Host Club: Vallejo Numismatic Society, P.O. Box 4281, Vallejo, Ca. 94590-0428. Information: Phone (510) 547-0518 or (707) 246-6327. E Mail: EMPERORI@juno.com
- Nov. 12, 2006 San Jose. Peninsula Coin Club 27th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Ph.:(650) 498-4158 E Mail: fredvdh@gmail.com